

## House File 285 - Introduced

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### A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act permitting certain motor vehicles to stand unattended
- 2 without first stopping the engine.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.362, Code 2017, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **321.362 Unattended motor vehicle.**

4 1. No A person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall  
5 not permit it the vehicle to stand unattended without first  
6 stopping the engine, or when standing unless the vehicle is  
7 locked or, if it is impossible to lock the vehicle while the  
8 vehicle's engine is running, the vehicle is equipped with a  
9 theft alarm signal device or other antitheft device and such  
10 device is in operation.

11 2. A person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall  
12 not permit the vehicle to stand unattended upon any perceptible  
13 grade without effectively setting the brake thereon and turning  
14 the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Current law prohibits a person from permitting a vehicle to  
19 stand unattended without first stopping the engine, or without  
20 effectively setting the brake and turning the front wheels to  
21 the curb or side of the highway when the vehicle is standing  
22 upon any perceptible grade. A violation of this provision is  
23 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$20.

24 This bill permits a motor vehicle to stand unattended  
25 without first stopping the engine if the vehicle is locked or,  
26 if it is impossible to lock the vehicle while the vehicle's  
27 engine is running, the vehicle is equipped with a theft alarm  
28 signal device or other antitheft device and such device is in  
29 operation.